

North Carolina Family Caregiver Support Program Caregiver Vignettes

Region: G	Relationship to care recipient: grandmother
Service Category(ies): III-Education, Counseling and Support Group	Service Year: 2004-2005
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Family situation:

Mrs. C has been raising her twin fifteen year-old grandson and granddaughter along with her thirteen year-old grandson for a number of years. Mrs. C had discovered crack cocaine in her house that the fifteen year-old grandson claimed he was holding for a friend (and wanted her to give it back to him). The police were contacted and they informed her that they really couldn't do anything with him because he wasn't caught with the drugs on his person. Mrs. C had been living in fear because she didn't want that type of activity going on in her household. She has legal custody of the twins and wanted to find out what services were available for this type of situation.

Intervention(s):

The coordinator was able to provide her with a couple of options, such as contacting Youth Focus. A month later, a presenter at the Lunch & Learn was able to connect Mrs. C with a judge. After explaining the situation to the judge, he told her to contact Youth Focus again and tell them that she had spoken with him about her grandson and that he was requesting that a bed be made available to her grandson.

Outcomes

Within forty-eight hours a bed was made available. Mrs. C hasn't had too much contact with her grandson since his arrival at the facility, but she does call regularly to check on his progress and to see if he needs anything.

As a result of a Lunch & Learn event held earlier this year, one of the grandparent caregivers was able to obtain help in removing her fifteen year-old grandson from her home because of his drug activities.

Caregiver or others' quotes/comments:

Mrs. C stated that "she feels much relief to have her grandson out of her house and that the next step will be for her to inform the court of her intent to relinquish custody."